

Holy, Holy, Holy

Studies in the EE Method of Personal Evangelism

(This Week: Sharing the Character & Nature of God)



"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone..."—Isa. 6:5 (KJV)

VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
JUNE 23RD, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Twenty-third Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord 2024*

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship: * *"Glory be the Father"* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* (#55).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6:1-7.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"To God be the Glory"* (#64).

Announcements.

Hymn: *"Holy, Holy"* (#35).

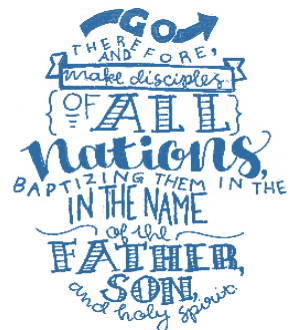
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES"* (Pt. V: On God).

Closing Hymn: * *"Lord, we Praise You"* (#65).

Benediction.*



Week of June 16 – June 22

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—12;

Midweek-4; Offering—\$524.⁰⁰;

"You Can Share" Video—Total: 70 views

MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM

The *Evangelism Explosion* method of sharing the Gospel: This Week's Focus: **"It's about GOD!"**

Recap of our prior focus:

1) Salvation is a matter of **GRACE**; Heaven is undeserved and cannot be earned or merited (Eph. 2:8-9) by anybody.

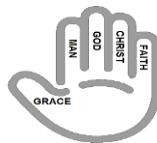
(Recall the **Hitchhiker's Thumb** in the "Gospel Hand"—a **FREE RIDE!**)

2) **WHY? Because all men are SINNERS!** (Rm.3:10,23; Isa.53:6, 64:6). Sin is anything that we think, say, or do that fails to conform to the standard of Divine perfection (Mtt.5:48).

(Recall the "pointer;" the accusing **Index Finger** in the "Gospel Hand!")

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS: "IT'S ABOUT GOD!"

In our "Gospel Hand" memory-aid, the tall, prominent central **MIDDLE FINGER** reminds us of **GOD**.



[DO NOT leave GOD's nature out of the equation, as some evangelistic strategies do! God spent CENTURIES schooling the Hebrew People in His nature & ways, prior to the Savior's advent!]

Two key ideas must be conveyed: **GOD** is both **HOLY & LOVING**. The lost often have no problem embracing the latter concept, seeing themselves as "loveable"—but recoil at the former idea!

I. **God is HOLY and JUST**. HOLINESS is the **supreme** attribute of God—alone given triple emphasis of Isa. 6:3 & Rev. 4:8: "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts..."

a. As a Holy God, He **MUST therefore punish ALL sin** (Ezek. 18:20, Rom. 6:23a, Ex. 34:7b, Ps. 89:31-32).

b. **God's mercy & love does not mitigate this**. A genuinely good God, acting as the responsible Moral Governor of the entire universe, will not allow it to collapse into Moral Chaos (Gen. 18:25)!

c. The **BIBLE** (our source of **AUTHORITY!**) reveals that *all* sin is ultimately an attack upon an infinitely Holy God (Ps. 51:4), and thus justly requires **eternal punishment** in the Lake of Fire (Rev. 14:9-11, 20:11-15). **JESUS** frequently & forcefully taught on the reality of Hell (Matt. 23:33, 25:41; Luke 12:4-5)!!!

d. The **WRATH of GOD** is precisely what we need to be saved **FROM!** (Matt. 3:7, Rom 5:9, 1Thess. 1:10, Heb. 10:31, Rev. 6:15-17).

2. **However, God is also LOVING & MERCIFUL, and therefore desires men to be SAVED** (John 3:16, 1 John 4:8b, Ezek. 18:23).

>>This dilemma is solved in our next point: **JESUS CHRIST**<<



Once again our friends at **CEF** will be helping with our **VBS** this year, which will be held **July 8-to-12**, from **12:30-to-2:00 PM**. Our theme, “**ONE WAY!**,” is for children from pre-K through elementary.

Hello, friends. What follows is the latest update on Gus' condition and progress. Long overdue—I know. Thank you for your continued patience! In short, Gus is doing well in day-to-day terms. In the long term, the situation with his kidneys is not much better. He has



now reached the point where a formal diagnosis of end-stage renal disease (ESRD) is appropriate. What this means is that we are adding long-term dialysis support and the likelihood of a kidney transplant to our heart journey. Gus continues to recover from his tricuspid

valve repair surgery. His chest has healed significantly from the sternotomy to the point where the sutures have been removed. He only needs oxygen support at night. He is fed mostly via NG, but speech therapy continues to work with him on bottle feeding. His meds are now given almost entirely through the NG - meaning fewer lines. We've enjoyed many smiles lately. With his left-sided palsy, this takes the form of very endearing (and cute) half-smiles. His legs have been kicking with energy and excitement. He is doing remarkably well for all he's been through and everything he is dealing with. The dialysis situation has also progressed nicely. He is at his goal amount of dialysate and we are working to get his total dwell time down to the point where he can be transitioned to a cycler. Once he is successfully on a cycler, we will be moved from the CICU to the PCU. This is the natural progression towards going home - something we are both excited about and incredibly apprehensive about. That will be a delightful yet difficult transition... The days and weeks ahead will continue to bring direction into greater focus. We would ask that prayers be made for us in our weakness and for Gus in his continued recovery. He is well into teething, which adds additional discomfort. There is also some concern about swelling and 'puffiness' in the face - is it his SVC? Is it simply the effect of the steroids? A future cath procedure will likely give us answers. Either way, it appears to cause discomfort, so we appreciate prayers for us and his team as we continue to care for him.—*Mark Joubert (June 17, AD 2024)*